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EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the

LEISURE, PARKS, CEMETERY & OPEN SPACES (LPCOS) COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 7:00 p.m. on  
**Tuesday 03 March 2020**  
At The Stute, Station Rd., Earl Shilton, LE9 7GA.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: Ms D Almey, Chairman, Mrs A Burton, Deputy  
Chairman, Mrs C Coe, Ms J Duplock, Mrs G  
Granger and Mr K Lapsley.

In attendance: Office Clerk: Mrs C Houghton.

Members of the public: Nil.

19/132 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all Cllrs.  
***Noted and received.***

19/133 To receive apologies for member absence.

***Resolved: to accept the apologies from Cllr V Darker as  
tabled and recorded.***

19/134 Declarations of interests. To receive disclosures of  
member's interests, i.e. the existence and the nature of  
those interests in respect of items on this agenda.

**Cllr A Burton regarding 19/139** due to being a member of  
ESiB.

**Cllr D Almey regarding 19/137 b. iii)** due to having  
connections with the resident.

***Resolved: to allow the above named members to  
remain in the meeting regarding the item mentioned but  
not vote on matters should the need arise.***

19/135 To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the  
LPCOS Cttee meeting held on 04 February 2020.

***Resolved: that the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting  
of the 04 February 2020, as tabled, be accepted as a  
true record of proceedings.***

***Cllr C Coe joined the meeting at 19.05 pm.***

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19/136

To receive a written monthly report from the ESTC Office Clerk.

Members received in their agenda pack a detailed report from the Office Clerk listing income received, unscheduled outgoing expense, works that have been completed since the last meeting, scheduled works for the month ahead, suggested items and general updates. The pack also included a list of works scheduled for the ESTC Groundcare team in the months ahead.

**Resolved: the Office Clerk covered the points listed in the report. The suggested item, which was to consider continuing with the current supplier of the ESTC summer and winter plants, was agreed by Members to continue with 'Thurlaston Garden Centre', as they have proved to be reliable and the most cost effective. Members were pleased with the report and the additional items provided to them.**

19/137

Correspondence received:

a. To review the safety of a traffic mirror installed within the Town.

The Office Clerk made Members aware of a traffic mirror that has been installed on a tree on King's Walk, not owned by ESTC, which may need to be removed for safety issues.

**Resolved: Members requested for the Office Clerk to write to the Earl Shilton Bowling Club to enquire if they erected the mirror. Once ownership of the mirror has been confirmed, ESTC will suggest to LCC that the mirror is to be removed for safety reasons.**

b. To review the schedule to complete the recommended tree works by Leicestershire County Council in all ESTC parks, open spaces and the cemetery.

i) Update on the scheduled tree works, following on from the Leicestershire County Council tree survey carried out on all ESTC parks, cemetery and open spaces.

**Resolved: Members reviewed the documents provided from LCC regarding the outstanding tree works and agreed for the works to continue as scheduled.**

ii) Update on the trees located on King's Walk and Prospect Way/Wood Street Park boundary.

**Resolved: after reviewing the detailed documents received from a Forestry and Arboriculture Officer at LCC, Members agreed that the trees along Prospect Way/Wood Street Park boundary, which are not owned by ESTC, will not be**

**included within the ESTC scheduled tree works. The Office Clerk is to write to the residents of Prospect Way and advise that they are responsible for the trees and the urgent works required on them.**

iii) A local resident has contacted ESTC regarding the maintenance of the lime trees within QEII Hall Field Park.  
**Resolved: after reviewing the Leicestershire County Council tree survey carried out on all ESTC parks, cemetery and open spaces, the survey shown that no works are due on the column of lime trees in the forthcoming year. The ESTC Groundcare team will continue to cut back the low level branches. The Office Clerk is to contact the local resident to provide an update.**

c. To consider the request regarding the Borough Council's Environmental Improvement Programme 2020/21.

Members discussed the options for this match funded heritage project.

**Resolved: the Office Clerk is to make enquires into the cost and permission required to have 'Heritage Banners' installed onto the lighting columns within the Town.**

d. To review the report and results of the Geophysics carried out on the old sandpit within Wood Street Park.

The Hinckley Archaeological Society provided the report which has shown a strong metallic response within a small area of the park, which could be the remains of an artillery piece believed to be located in the park. The Society have requested permission from ESTC to excavate an exploratory trench of up to 1m x 1m to confirm or eliminate this possibility.

**Resolved: Members recommend to Full Council that the Society can go ahead with the excavation in the months of April, June or September 2020, as this will not interfere with events ESTC already have planned on the park for the year ahead.**

e. Letter received from a local resident.

A young local resident has written to ESTC expressing their thanks for the new horse rocker play equipment that has recently been installed at Maple Way Park.

**Noted and received.**

19/138

To review the quotes for the yearly ROSPA inspection to be carried out in May 2020 on all ESTC play equipment.

Members reviewed and compared the quotes for the yearly ROSPA inspection.

**Resolved: Members agreed for *Redacted* as being the most cost effective, to carry out the ROSPA inspections in May 2020 at an approximate cost of £493.20 + vat.**

**Confidential Items – in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the agenda items below by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed and will be requested to withdraw. Members will resolve to go into Private Session. So Resolved.**

**19/139** To review and discuss the information provided from ESiB regarding the maintenance of Wood Street Park wild meadow.

Members discussed the programme of suggested works to try and establish the wild meadow, which have been put forward by ESiB.

**Resolved: Members agreed for ESiB to continue with the suggested works on the wild meadow for this year. ESTC will then review the works required prior to next year's schedule. No other works are to be carried out on the wild meadow unless ESTC have given permission. The Office Clerk will contact ESiB to update them.**

**19/140** To consider a request from a local football team to rent a football pitch at Weaver Spring's Park for the 2020/21 season.

Members are to consider the requests from 2 local football teams to hire the pitches at Weaver Springs Park for the season 2020/21.

**Resolved: Members have agreed for both '*Redacted* and '*Redacted* to hire a pitch each at Weaver Springs Park, at the season hire fee of £500.00 per club. The Office Clerk will contact each club to ensure that their league match dates do not clash before contracts are signed.**

**19/141** To provide an update on the ESTC Groundcare team.

The Chairman updated Members on the new operative that has joined the ESTC Groundcare team as of 02 March 20. All Members remarked on the good works that have been made by the Groundcare team over the past month.

**Noted and received.**

The meeting closed at 19.40 pm with the Chairman thanking members for their attendance and contributions.